

AMERICAN FUNDS BEHIND PARIS OPERA

Syndicate of Otto Kahn, Eben Jordan and English Directors Promoting Scheme.

ASTRUC'S THEATRE LEASED

Singers Going Over From U. S. for Season Extending From April to July.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—The Paris prints report that an Anglo-American syndicate consisting of the directors and chief stockholders of the Metropolitan Opera Company, Boston Opera Company and Covent Garden Company is about to lease for a year M. Gabriel Astruc's Theatre des Champs Elysees, the temple of music which has been produced at the house on a magnificent scale, and there was much speculation as to the reason why the venture was a financial failure. Some of the seats were too high priced, others that the location of the theatre in a section of the city not reached by the car or bus lines was the cause, while others asserted that a new lyric theatre cannot attract foreigners or out of town visitors, who invariably attend the Opera and the Opera Comique.

According to L'Eclair, this syndicate will give an ultra Parisian season in the spring with Caruso, Amato, Gerolamo Farrar and other operatic stars. There will be three months of Italian and German opera and three months of Viennese operettas. The remainder of the time will be given over to cinematograph shows.

The Comedienne, on the other hand, says M. Astruc's theatre will produce in the spring a work by a French living composer which has already been produced elsewhere. The paper adds that Oscar Hammerstein and Covent Garden will manage this undertaking and that Mary Garden will be the star.

M. Astruc told THE SUN correspondent today that he knew nothing about it, but added he believed the first to be the more correct of the two. M. Astruc's health is still suffering from the collapse of his opera venture and he feels hurt to think that such a scheme should be initiated, especially in New York, without any information being given to him.

MANY WELL KNOWN SINGERS.

Cavallieri, Destinn, Garden, Amato, Scotti Will Take Part.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—It is confirmed here that in Paris last night the final papers were signed which the Boston Opera Company and the Royal Opera Company of Covent Garden in London are to take possession of the Theatre des Champs Elysees, that spring for performance of operas and operettas, beginning on April 20 or 27 and continuing into the early days of July.

The syndicate which has taken the theatre for five years consists of Otto Kahn, one of the directors of the Metropolitan Opera House; Eben Jordan of the directors of the Boston Opera House; Sir Thomas Beecham, manager of the London Royal Opera House; and a number of other well known names, including Lord Rothchild, Lord Grimthorpe, a distinguished patron of the arts; Baron Erlanger of Paris, and Henry Higgins, managing director of Covent Garden.

The names of the singers engaged for this international season are: Mmes. Frances Alda, Bartlett, Lina Cavalieri, Emma Destinn, Nellie Melba, Mary Garden, Frieda Hempel, Nellie Melba, the famous soprano, L'Alvarez, Marguerite Matzinger, Mmes. M. Ferrar, Fontana, Martini, Amato, Marcoux, Segura and Scotti. The conductors will be Morosini, Nikisch and Vignani.

Joseph Urban is to be stage director. All names but one, that of Mmes. Bartlett, a coloratura soprano, are familiar in this country, and most of them are well known to the patrons of the Boston, the Metropolitan and the Philadelphia-Chicago companies.

No such company has hitherto been assembled to give French opera in its native land and that is one regret was that the laws forbidding the French Union of Musicians forbids his taking the opera house orchestra along also.

MR. KAHN HAS NEW OPERA PLAN

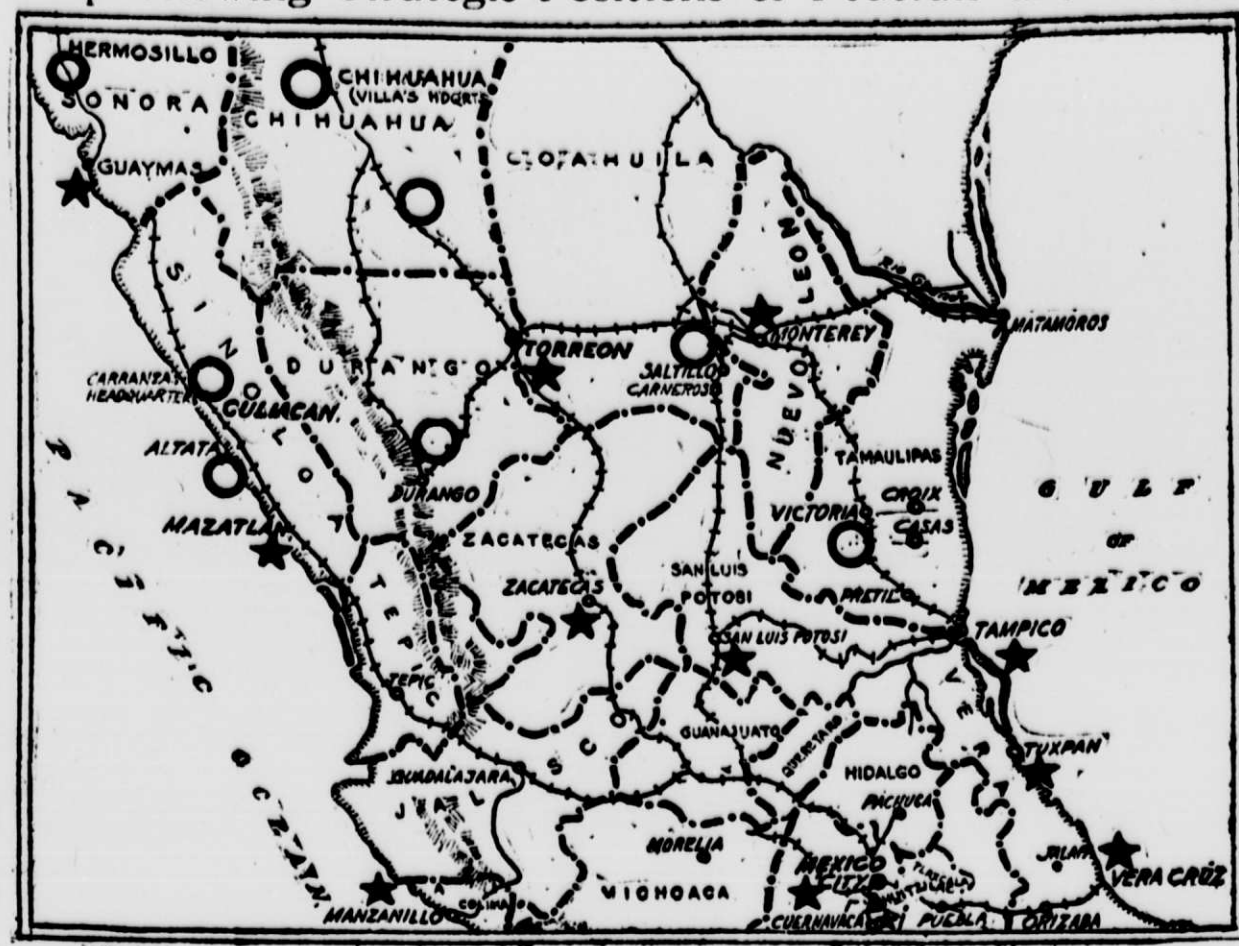
Would Extend Metropolitan of New York to Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—Once more reports are current of an upheaval in the grand opera situation in this city. Otto Kahn, the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, it is said, after the failure of the attempt to place the Boston Opera Company here to the exclusion of the Chicago company, is trying to put a new plan into effect.

The plan has been presented to E. T. Stokely, it is understood, within the past few days. Those who are first to be affected by the plan are the Chicago company, which has been in the city since the Campanini company will disappear from Philadelphia, and some other organization take its place.

Mr. Kahn's plan is to enable the interested persons to present grand opera here without financing by individuals. It provides for the extension of the Metropolitan company to this city. Only singers associated with the Metropolitan company would sing here, and the performances would be under the direction of the New York company exclusively. It is suggested that it be seriously considered by the directors of the opera house here.

Map Showing Strategic Positions of Federals and Rebels



Circles indicate towns held by rebels; stars those in possession of Federals.

IRISH RESENT RECTOR'S PLAY.

Rush on Stage Before Having Heard "General John Regan."

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

DUBLIN, Feb. 5.—Canon Hannay's play, "General John Regan," met with a warm reception last night at Westport, in the County Mayo, where the author lived for more than twenty years. The actors say that the demonstration was in no way prearranged, but it was in consequence of a local rumor that the play ridiculed a priest.

Before the curtain rose on the first act the audience in the cheaper parts of the house acted in a disorderly manner and seemed to be determined not to hear the play. Just as soon as a priest appeared they rushed on the stage and began smashing and striking right and left. The flowers, although they were still unaware of the contents of the play, were convinced that the rumor that it ridiculed a priest was correct.

The play has been received with enthusiasm elsewhere in Ireland and was performed in Sligo to-night. Mr. Seddon, who controls the company, is puzzled over the outbreak at Westport. His only explanation is: "You simply cannot account for the Irish temperament."

Canon Hannay says he cannot guess what the opponents of the play objected to. No objection has ever been raised to it heretofore by Irishmen in the United Kingdom or the United States.

PSALTER SELLS FOR \$550.

Disposal of Library of Late George Dunn Continued in London.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—At the continuation of the eight days sale of the library of the late George Dunn, a dealer of King David's without a calendar, illuminated manuscript on vellum, English, thirteenth century, sold for \$550.

"Epigrammatum libri XIII, cum Scholia Jacob Meyli," a remarkable specimen of German imperial binding, dated 1536, brought \$200.

Francis Mason's "Vindicta Ecclesiae Anglicanae" dated 1625, went for \$245.

"Mirrour of Our Lady," with a large set of St. Bridget's writing, dated 1536, sold for \$255.

Perce de Valentin's "Tractatus contra Juracem" dated 1485, brought \$250.

A finely written and perfect copy of Propertius with the decorative in the best style of the Italian Renaissance, sold for \$350.

LYDD GEORGE THREATENED.

Alleged Plot to Wreck His Train Falls to Frigate Him.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—In consequence of the receipt of an anonymous letter threatening to wreck the train on which Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George proposed to return to London from Glasgow, the railway company took unusual precautions to insure the safety of the Cabinet Minister. It tried to persuade him to travel by another train, but he refused to do so.

Mr. Lloyd George arrived here safely, but the patrolling of the examining of the road cost the company a good deal of money.

TO ADVANCE GERMANY ABROAD.

Commercial and Industrial Interests to Combine for That Purpose.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

HAMBURG, Feb. 5.—A meeting of commercial and industrial leaders under the presidency of Herr Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, was held here to-day and formally resolved to create on February 26 a German company for world commerce.

The object of this company is to co-ordinate the efforts for the advancement of German interests abroad.

BAVARIA TO BUY RADIUM.

Chamber Approves \$150,000 for That Purpose.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

MUNICH, Feb. 5.—The Bavarian Chamber has appropriated \$150,000 to buy radium and mesothorium. Several German cities and towns have taken similar action.

KILLS FAMILY, THEN HIMSELF.

German Teamster Murders Wife and Four Children With Hatchet.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—A despatch from Giesen says that William Lehman, a teamster, killed his wife and four children to-day with a hatchet and then committed suicide by running in front of a speeding train. The bodies of the wife and the eldest of the children were horribly mangled. The youngest child was 3 years old.

No reason for Lehman's act is given, but it is believed that he went insane.

LIEUT. PORTE THINKS OCEAN FLIGHT SURE

British Aviator Glad of Chance to Try Wamamaker's Machine.

HE SEES A 20 HOUR TRIP

Curtiss Representative Says Objections to Scheme Are Groundless.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Lieut. Porte, a big, deep chested ex-naval aviator, is delighted at the invitation to be a contestant with an American army aviator of Rodman Wamamaker's hydroaeroplane which is to attempt a flight from Newfoundland to the Irish coast. He said today: "It will be a jolly adventure and I feel most confident of success."

Lieut. Porte's confidence is largely based on the fact that Glenn H. Curtiss is building the machine. He says: "We shall not be flying in an experimental machine. We shall know what we are doing." He has frequently made flights in Curtiss machines and thinks the one which Rodman Wamamaker is financing ought to cross the Atlantic in twenty hours.

Lieut. Porte does not think that there is any need to worry about the weather, as if the machine should drop it would float for many hours until the sea is rough, which is most improbable on the date fixed for the flight. Moreover, the machine will keep as near as possible to the route taken by the Atlantic liners.

CURTIS SURE OF SUCCESS.

Objections to Proposed Flight Are Called Futile.

A representative of Glenn H. Curtiss, who is exhibiting a flying boat at the Motor Boat Show, was indisputable yesterday when told that Alfred J. Moisant, Capt. Thomas Fleming Day and others are inclined to throw cold water on Rodman Wamamaker's plan for a flight from Newfoundland to Ireland. The flight is to be attempted in a special aeroplane now being built by Mr. Curtiss.

Capt. Day, who crossed over the proposed course in the 30 foot yacht Sea Bird in 1911 and a year later in the 10 foot motor boat, Detroit, said yesterday that so common would work in an airship and that as the Atlantic in the early summer is covered with a layer of mist from a quarter to half a mile high the aviators would not be able to tell where they were.

"We are now using specially constructed compasses in our flying boats and they work as well as the best," said Curtiss, "and there are several ways in which experienced fliers can calculate latitude and longitude."

In answer to Moisant, who said a 500 horse-power motor would be necessary to make the flight, he added:

"There is a medium horse-power best adapted for a long flight and we believe 500 horse-power is the medium. With a 500 horse-power motor it would be almost impossible to carry enough fuel."

Mr. Curtiss has not yet selected an American fly with Lieut. Porte, the English representative, John A. D. McCurdy or Beckwith Havens may be selected.

Beckwith Havens is now in Vera Cruz on his way to Mexico City for the Federal Truck Company. He has been commissioned by Col. Delano to develop the provincial aviation regiment of the New York National Guard to look over the country there from an aviation point of view that he may be in a position to pilot an aero squadron in case an invasion of the country becomes necessary.

The Aero Club of America will soon appoint a sub-committee of its contest committee to manage the flight. The Governments of the United States and Great Britain will be asked to aid the scheme.

The Aero Club was informed that the organizers of an aeroplane race around the world in connection with the Panama-Pacific exposition are anxious to develop the race on a practical basis. Plans are being made to belt the world with a chain of stations where the airmen will get fuel and provisions during their race.

Cooperation is asked of the Governments of America, England, France, Germany, Russia and Japan in forming international patrols across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and Russia.

ARREST MILITANT AS FIREBUG.

Woman Believed to Know Something About Fires Near Glasgow.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

GLASGOW, Feb. 5.—The police of this city arrested a woman today on suspicion of knowing considerable about yesterday's incendiary fires which destroyed a castle and a mansion and damaged another building.

The woman, believed to be a member of the militant suffragette arson squad, gave the name of Rhoda Robinson. She was taken to Dunblane, Perthshire, which place is near the scene of the fires.

SHACKLETON NAMES HIS STAFF.

To Purchase Norwegian Ice Ship Which Will Run Oil.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton has issued the names of the seven members of his staff who will go to the Antarctic. All of them are between 30 and 40 years of age, and all except one have had experience in the region of the south pole. It is understood that several of the scientific staff of Capt. Scott's ill fated expedition will join Sir Ernest, as well as some of the men who accompanied Dr. Mawson.

Lieut. Shackleton has practically decided to buy the new Norwegian 600 ton ship Polar, which was built especially for ice work. She will be converted into an oil burning vessel and renamed the Endurance. She will operate in the Weddell Sea. She will be commanded by Capt. Davis, who is now in charge of Dr. Mawson's ship the Aurora. It is expected that the latter vessel will operate in Ross Sea. She will be manned by the navy men who were lent to Capt. Scott by the Admiralty.

There were numerous arrests to-day of alleged conspirators. The Federal military situation is improving. Train service has been renewed to the United States border and a train arrived here to-day with passengers from Pinar, Negras, Strong, Political exiles have been established all along the line and all the stations are occupied by military guards. Scouts have also been sent out in the surrounding country.

The Government announces that a strong force left San Luis Potosi to-day to attack Lucio Blanco's rebels, who number 2,000, and are occupying the stations of Silos and Villares. A battle is expected to-morrow.

The negro garrison at Puerto Ixtla revolted on Sunday and sacked the town, after which they went south to Cajones on the line to Ixtla, where they massacred the entire Federal garrison of fifty men. They were later joined by a band of Zapatistas and attacked the town of Jolita, where they were repulsed and forced to retreat toward Guerrero.

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AMERICANS HURT ON TOBOGGAN.

Kansas People Badly Injured in Accident at St. Moritz.

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ST. MORITZ, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Max Henraux, nee Beatrice Whiting, and Gordon Armbury of Burlington, Kan., suffered serious injuries in a tobogganing accident near Port Resina this morning. Mrs. Henraux suffered fractures of the right arm and the base of the skull. Mr. Armbury sustained fractures of the head and arms.

The accident was caused by the loss of control of the toboggan. It was witnessed by Maxine Elliott, the actress, and Mrs. Walter de Munn, who was formerly Miss Frances Scoville of Seneca, Kan.

Mrs. Henraux and Mr. Armbury were taken to a hospital.

RENOUNCES RIGHTS TO THRONE.

Prince Axel of Denmark Can't Contend for Title on Children.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 5.—Prince Axel of Denmark, son of Prince Waldemar and cousin of King Christian X., who was privately married at Milan on January 18 to Countess Calvi de Bergola, has renounced his rights of succession to the throne and the title of Royal Highness. The pair will retain their titles of Prince and Princess, which, however, they cannot transmit to their children.

MEXICANS TO SEE NAVY TESTS.

U. S. Warship to Try Torpedo Tubes at Vera Cruz.

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VERA CRUZ, Feb. 5.—The American scout cruiser Chester has obtained special permission from the Government to make a series of tests with torpedo tubes to-morrow on the beach. Mexican naval officials have been invited to attend the tests and have accepted.

20 BANDITS PUT TO DEATH.

Castillo Retaliates by Destroying Railroad Tunnel.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

JUAREZ, Feb. 5.—Reports received at the rebel headquarters here announced that twenty-two of Maximo Castillo's bandits were captured by Constitutionalists yesterday and summarily executed at El Valle, near Casas Grandes.

Castillo to-day wreaked one of the most dramatic revenge on record and escaped to the mountains. He ran ten cars of lumber into the Drake tunnel, which carries the Mexican Northwestern Railroad through the Continental Divide, and set fire to the train, the flames spreading to the woodwork of the tunnel. He next removed what provisions he could carry from a car loaded with supplies, ran the car on a high wooden bridge and set fire to the car, which, with the bridge, was destroyed.

WILL PROTECT FOREIGNERS.

Huerta Sends to "The Sun" Copy of His Message to Army.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

THE SUN received yesterday the following cable message from the Provisional President of Mexico:

"In the event of military necessity you are to be the army corps and divisions and to the Governors of all the States and Territories."

"The Government of the Republic having commenced military operations against the revolutionists, who are burning and looting property, property interests and especially without any consideration in the States of Sinaloa, Sonora, Chihuahua, Durango and Tamaulipas, you, as chiefs of troops under your command, will be required to exercise all diligence so that the various foreign nationals may be given the fullest assurance of safety in life and property interests."

"You are vested with full authority to act in the premises. Please acknowledge receipt of this order."

HUERTA MADE MORE POPULAR BY ORDER

Streets in Capital and Suburbs Are Being Named in His Honor.

PRESS ATTACKS WILSON

Anti-American Outbreak Is Averted at Celebration in Mexico City.

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MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5.—The anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution passed off quietly. President Huerta fulfilled his promise to American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy not to permit any demonstrations or fiestas.

Streets and plazas in many towns in all parts of the republic have been named in honor of President Huerta, whose popularity has been greatly enhanced by President Wilson's action in removing the embargo on the exportation of arms from the United States to Mexico.

The newspapers are making fierce attacks on President Wilson, but not on Americans here, the majority of whom condemn the Executive order.

The Government is plainly apprehensive of an uprising and is taking extraordinary precautions to prevent trouble. The suburbs have been garrisoned and the palace and arsenal have been fortified. An armored automobile was stolen from the latter place and ran out toward Ajusco, supposedly with ammunition for the Zapatistas.

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The charge that Madero shot down four soldiers who carried a petition to the President just before Huerta took charge. Concerning President Wilson's policies he said: "These policies are not statesmanship, but the fallacies of scholastic dreams, going into Mexico with mean intentions, the river during the period of occupation, our interference with Mexican affairs will make it necessary for us to interfere in the affairs of every turbulent republic from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn."

ZARAGOZA ORDERS CHANGED.

Gunboat Goes to New Orleans on Secret Mission.

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VERA CRUZ, Feb. 5.—The orders to the Mexican gunboat Zaragoza to sail for Tampico have been cancelled and she is now unloading the men and ammunition which she had on board and which were destined for that place.

A civil engineer named Molgarejo and two mysterious Frenchmen who nobody knows, although they have been in the city for several days, will board the Zaragoza at daybreak. The gunboat will sail at once under a special order of Minister of War Blanquet and make all speed to New Orleans on secret mission for President Huerta.

Molgarejo came here from Mexico city to-night on a special train.

The military headquarters here have just received a report from Gen. Eugenio Aguilar, who announced that a five hour battle has occurred at La Puente, west of Tampico. The rebels were severely defeated and suffered heavy losses, which are estimated at 500.

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Victory Claimed by Constitutionalists Is Unconfirmed.

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CALLS REVOLT A FARCE.

Henry Lane Wilson Annals All Mexican Rebel Leaders.

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CARRANZA—A poor, feeble, silly old man. Villa—A bandit and murderer. Zapata—An Indian thief. Aguilar—A cruel, bloodthirsty rascal. Carranza, Villa, Zapata and Aguilar are the four main leaders of the Mexican revolution. Henry Lane Wilson, President of the United States, has made a list of the names of the Mexican rebel leaders and has called the revolution a farce.

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VILLA ORDERS ARMS HERE.
10,000 Rifles and 1,000,000 Cartridges for Constitutionalists.

EL PASO, Feb. 5.—Orders for 10,000 rifles and 1,000,000 cartridges were telegraphed to New York today by Francisco Villa, for his rebel army. The order was for a permanent army of occupation, our interference with Mexican affairs will make it necessary for us to interfere in the affairs of every turbulent republic from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn.

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